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Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting September 10

The SWCD will hold its monthly board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10. The meetings will be held in the SWCD offices located at 300 North State Street - Door 4.

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Weekend Sept. 11 to 12

A two-day live auction held by the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group will raise funds to fight the disease and increase awareness. Along with the auction will be family friendly events including a "Field of Flags," a color run, a medallion hunt and sportsmen's bingo. Look for a more detailed scheduled on Facebook.

Fourth Annual Ride to Remember at Hartland University Bar Saturday, Sept. 12

The 4th Annual Ride to Remember will depart the Hartland University Bar at noon on Saturday, Sept. 12. Those riding in side by sides will visit five different bars and at each bar receive a different playing card; best hand is the winner. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Proceeds go to Flags for Vets.

All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffles All Saints Sept. 27

All Saints Church of New Richland will hold their All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffles from 9-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27. There will be a raffle and country store, cost is $10.

CredibleMind offers free mental health resources

All area residents are eligible to use free online access to mental health resources available at MNPrairie's "CredibleMind" website. The site offers interactive, evidence-based ways to explore local and national mental well-being resources. Free and anonymous at www.mnprairie.crediblemind.com

Shepherd's Robe Free store Tuesdays from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m.

The Shepherd's Robe free store offers clothing, supplies, and much more for free to all interested parties. The store is located at Vista Covenant Church, 14679 275th Avenue, New Richland.

Waldorf Veterans Memorial Fund Drive

Donations are requested to support the construction of the Waldorf Veterans Memorial. Checks written to WVMP Fund Drive can be mailed to WVMP Fund Drive; Judy Joecks, treasurer; P.O. Box 55; Waldorf, MN 56091.

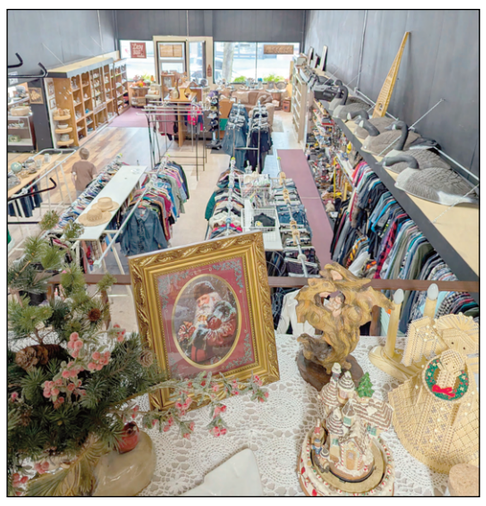
Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting Thursday, Oct. 8

The next meeting of the SWCD will be Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026.

A word from The Word

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10



Right side features the men's department, which includes tools.

Lady Bug re-opening August 29

By MELANIE PILTINGSRUD
Copy Editor

With fans and shoppers daily asking when the big day is, the grand re-opening of the Lady Bug Thrift Shop on Saturday, Aug. 29 promises to be a not-to-be-missed event.

Retired Vikings football player Mark Mullaney, originally of Colorado, but now living near New Richland, will guest star at the event. Mallaney played for the Minnesota Vikings from 1975 – 1987. According to Lady Bug owner Paulette Krampitz, Mallaney and his wife, Lynette, shop regularly at the Lady Bug, so highlighting the football star is a perfect fit. It's likely the shop's Vikings memorabilia won't last until the doors close on Saturday.

Also available to shoppers that day will be Farmers Fuel coffee. The local coffee roasting company, which was founded by Andrew Phillips of Hartland, was created in order to help farmers in need; a portion of each coffee sale from their website goes to support farmers.

Krampitz and Annette Strenge have been working hard to create beautiful displays of items carefully selected at auctions and consignment merchandise. The second floor of the Lady Bug features tempting Christmas displays, while just below it on the first floor, the south side of the building is replete with menswear and tools. Many collector's items have made it into the shop this season, too, including collectible books, Barbies, Precious Moments figurines, Pioneer Woman kitchenware and memorabilia, and much more.

Consignors have only just begun bringing in items, so, by opening day, the Lady Bug may be overflowing. There will certainly be a great many intriguing items to tempt even the most selective shoppers.

The Lady Bug Thrift Shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. Don't miss this event!



Brinn Bohlke, Paulette Krampitz, Mark Mullaney, and Annette Strenge pose in the front room of the Lady Bug Thrift Shop. Star Eagle photos by Melanie Piltingsrud



Annette and Paulette taking a break from organizing displays.

NEW RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL

Ambulance seeks volunteers

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

During their meeting the evening of Monday, Aug. 10, members of the New Richland city council learned it will cost between $20,000 and $25,000 to put new concrete at the north entry to city hall. City administrator Tyler Lendt explained an engineer's input will be needed to plan the replacement paving so that runoff rainwater will not damage it and further damage to the building will be prevented. The council approved up to $25,000 for repairs.

Sarah Sundve read the ambulance report and said there are three people who need their first responder refresher emergency medical service (EMS) classes. The $375 cost of the classes will be reimbursed later on. She has also posted call and response times for the crew and is currently working with Saint Croix Emergency Medical Services and evaluating a six-month recruiting process for new personnel. Sundve requests that, if anyone who can volunteer for up to 60 hours per month, it would be greatly appreciated. Those junior EMS students, who can be as young as 18, only need their CPR qualification to drive the ambulance. The first responder certification can be covered through the city. Sundve adds, "There is also a place to stay for those who are volunteering from out of town."

Jeff Langr of the Waseca County Sheriff's office was present and spoke about the ambulance service and how necessary it is for the residents of New Richland. There was talk of North Memorial Ambulance taking over the New Richland Community Ambulance, and that offer was rejected. Currently there are 10 staff in New Richland, four first responders and six EMS, with one of those currently in school. The council rejected selling New Richland Ambulance.

Commissioner Doug Christopherson gave out packets explaining the Waseca Justice Center and gave updates. The current building is outdated and

Council continued on 4



A WHOLE NEW LOOK - A group of children taking part in a daycare program at the NRHEG Secondary Site take their ease in the recently remodeled student commons area. Lockers which once stood in rows have been moved against the walls of the space; the area under the skylight is now carpeted and offers inviting areas for sitting or working at tables.

Preparing for pre-Labor Day start

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

School Board
NRHEG

"I can't wait to see them talking to each other at lunchtime," enthused school board member Terry Engel during the Aug. 17 meeting of the NRHEG school board.

Engel was responding to Secondary School Principal Grant Berg's explanation of the cell phone policy for the coming school year: "They will be asked not to bring their cell phones into the school," said Berg. "But since we know that's not going to happen, the rule is no cell phone use during the day, unless necessary for a class.

"And we're going to be the ones who determine what's 'necessary.'"

In response to Engel's question, Berg had said yes, "during the school day" included over lunch in the cafeteria.

Cell phone expectations in grades 6 to 8, he summarized, remain what they have been the past couple of years: no cell phone use in school. Berg commented that reports of negative postings on social media had reduced dramatically when the middle school "no use" policy was implemented.

At the high school level, social media postings were not an issue, but student distraction and intercommunication, with a chance of cheating as well were persistent problems.

Berg admitted adjustments will likely be needed if students use their phones to control a medical device, or if a family situation calls for the student to be easily accessible. His intent is to be thorough in enforcing the rule while leaving room for some flexibility.

School continued on 4



Fence Lines

by Mark Bernard

Don't count the ladybeetles out

The scurs noted a touch of fall from the Weather Eye. Do we go straight into autumn or does Mother Nature still have some hot flashes? Starting Thursday, mostly sunny with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the mid-50's. Mostly sunny Friday with a fair chance of evening rain. Highs in the low 80's with lows in the mid-60's. Partly sunny on Saturday with a fair chance of rain. Highs in the low 80's with lows in the upper 50's. Sunday, partly sunny with a fair chance of evening showers. Highs in the mid-80's with lows in the mid-60's. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the low 80's and lows in the upper 50's. Tuesday, partly sunny with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the upper 50's. Partly sunny on Wednesday with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the mid-50's. On the 27th we'll see the Full Moon for August. The normal high for August 27th is 78, and the normal low is 57. The scurs have their S'more supplies stockpiled for the cooler nights ahead.

Thursday marks our Full Moon for the month, and it goes by several names, the most common of which is the Full Sturgeon Moon. The sturgeon was important as food source for the Native Americans in the day across much of North America. It was also known as the Corn Moon as corn was beginning to ripen for harvest as silage and grain as well. The Ojibwe called this the Berry Moon, so noted for the huckleberries that were common. The Sioux called it The Moon when Cherries turn Black. At the ranch we denote it as The Moon of Large Vegetables. The sheep would concur with the numerous overgrown zucchini and cucumbers that grace their pasture from time to time.

Crops are changing more distinctly with each passing day. Several trips out of the local area recently revealed corn that wasn't irrigated on lighter ground was very nearly mature if it wasn't already. Some soybeans on the lighter ground on a trip to Zumbrota were turning rapidly. They were likely an earlier maturing variety that had been planted early. There's no reason to believe they may not be harvested in a few weeks, especially given warmer temperatures and breezy conditions. After being in the doldrums much of the summer, there are some days with more wind forecast. Leaf drop occurs rapidly when that's the case and expedites the drying process. Let's hope we don't see temps like we did last September. That pushed the crop faster than it could react and bushels were lost.

What happened to the soybean aphids? Between pathogenic fungi and beneficial insects, they've failed to mount much of an offensive. After observing the number of lacewings, ladybeetles and syrphid fly adults, the aphids were feasted on in short order with control from pathogenic fungi getting an assist. Looking at soybean fields became real boring real fast as a result. Don't count on that to mean no ladybeetles in your house this winter, however. If you examine the husks in the corn there are plenty of bird-cherry oat aphids yet to tide them over until then. Once the corn dies down, it will be time to think seriously about spraying to prevent those six-legged winter houseguests once again.

More insects of the beautiful kind this summer. The large tiger swallowtail butterflies have been more plentiful than ever starting this spring. I spied what was likely a male working over some of the perennial salvia back in mid-June. Since then there have been many swallowtails in the yard. Unlike the black swallowtails we raised from carrot tops and dill in the garden as kids, these yellow swallowtails feed on trees. They favor leaves from ash, cottonwood, choke cherry and willow. They overwinter as a chrysalis and start the process over again the next spring. Our warmer winters may have helped their cause. The dead and dying ash trees not so much.

It's a hectic time of year with county fairs just over and the MN State Fair underway. I set aside time however, to go back to my hometown and my 50th class reunion. I made the 40-year reunion, but had to fly out to OH on Crop Tour immediately afterwards. Even though the next day was right back to the grind at home this time, it was well worth it. Plus, there was no time change. Our class was unique. Most of us got along and truly cared about each other. There were a lot of smart, very talented, now retired individuals in attendance who had done very well. There were also several teachers who made it too, including one whose wife grew up in Matawan of all places! Who knew? Their appearance was the icing on the cake. The organizers did a splendid job all the way around, making it an evening for all to treasure.

Poppy keeps a steady eye on her backyard. She pays particular attention to the adjacent pasture in case the turkeys should wander onto her turf. Tuesday morning she was watching something intently and growling, so I assumed that's what it was. I'd heard a ewe bellering outside earlier, but thought little of it. They do that sometimes for the sake of it. Then, gazing from the oval office, I happened to look out the window. I spied a ewe staring at a large white object. I thought it was perhaps a large conk that had fallen out of the elm tree. Then it moved and stood up. Yup, a late or an early lamb depending on your perspective. We finally got them corralled and in a pen after much snarling and gnashing of teeth. Lesson learned. Never discount the Corgi alarm system.

See you next week…real good then.

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An entire column about 'fame'



In My Humble Opinion

by Deb Bently

Someone called me "famous" the other day. It was meant as a compliment and I was grateful for the generous assessment, although I was so taken by surprise I stuttered somewhat as I expressed my thanks.

The exchange got me thinking though. What are the criteria for "fame," anyway?

Online artificial intelligence surveyed probably dozens of internet dictionary sites and came up with the summary "Fame means the state of being known, seen, or talked about by many people. It comes from having great skills, doing important work, or being a public star."

Well, that's not so bad. If that were the whole message the word sends, I guess I'd be comfortable with being "famous."

There are numerous catching points though.

An important beginning question is, how many is "many"?

As someone who takes often hundreds of pictures at public events, I frequently take my camera and step out where "everyone" probably notices me. Just this past weekend at Waldorf Days, I may have caused my family members some embarrassment as I walked out into the street, sometimes coming within a few feet of the parade units.

At graduations and well-attended school concerts, the number of people who notice me is likely in the high hundreds, but probably not into the thousands.

Then, of course, there is the cumulative effect. If we total up all the places and times I and my camera have made ourselves conspicuous over the course of five years, it certainly is in the thousands, probably even tens of thousands.

But also probably not as many as might attend–in a single night–a professional sporting event or concert by a nationally known artist.

Okay, criteria one, "seen by many people." Maybe yes, maybe no.

You may have noticed I skipped over the "known" and "talked about" elements of fame. That's because I believe "seen" is by far my strongest option.

As far as "talked about," it's a significant element of being a news reporter that we are supposed to be as invisible as possible in our work. That is, readers' attention should be on the people, information and circumstances we are reporting about. Writers are supposed to be simply conduits for the facts, delivering them in an organized way using as few words as possible. Except in opinion pieces–a category that includes this column–news writers do not overtly express their opinions or use the word "I" to refer to themselves.

Okay, now to the second part of the definition, the idea that fame is a result of having great skill, doing important work, or being a public star.

As for having "great" skill, I recognize that I am quite good with words, and that I have no fear of summarizing or explaining complex situations or circumstances. I excel, that is, I'm "great" in comparison to the many people who wouldn't even attempt to write a news article. But there is also a group of writers among whom I don't stand out so far.

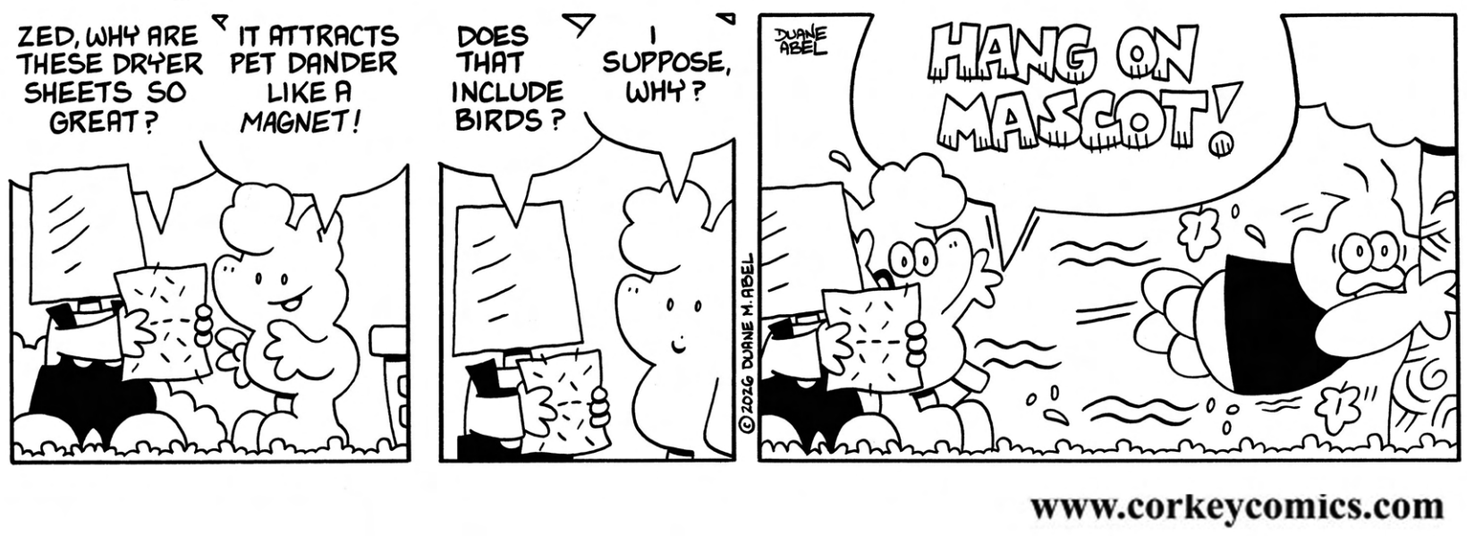
Still, I do usually rank in at least one or two categories of the annual "Better Newspaper Contest" sponsored by the Minnesota Newspaper Association, of which the Pioneer and Star Eagle are members. And I am a large part of the high rankings we have earned in "general reporting" and "general excellence" categories.

Second criteria, great skill. Yes, probably, some of the time anyway.

Additional expectation: doing important work. Here, it is the Pioneer and the Star Eagle which excel, and I along with them.

You see, most importantly I am grateful for my skill as a writer because I can use it toward positive ends. I can inform people about goings-on. I can find words which do justice to the stories and experiences of the quietly remarkable people who make up Waseca County. I can call attention to accomplishments and milestones. In short, I can make other people "famous," and that, my friends, is "important work" in every way. It's my favorite part of being "known, seen or talked about by many people."

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How many times my brother tried to kill me



Just a Thought...

by Eli Lutgens

I'm grateful for my siblings.

I bought my brother a "smoker," aka a type of grill for a gift this past week. It was a combination birthday/Christmas gift. But really I just want someone to make a good brisket that I can enjoy. After much discussion on my best friend Jake's couch, we reached the conclusion the best way to get a good brisket is for my brother to make it. He is an excellent cook.

I messaged him and he found a used smoker on Facebook. The agreement was I buy the smoker, he the pellets and meats. My brother has used it every day this week, making ribs, steak, chicken, pork and more.

Monday evening we enjoyed smoked pork shoulder that spent 11 hours cooking. It was the best pork I have ever had. It cost my brother $11 and fed four people.

This is not the only thing I enjoy about my siblings. I enjoy how real I can be. Namely, I can say whatever I want, in whatever tone of voice and what I say will never be taken the wrong way. At least not from Nathan. I love that about him. He has been a very good older brother, there when I need him and there to try and offer "brotherly advice" when he can. Every single day he is sending me updates on his life, what he is doing, working on, etc. I'm really grateful he does. I look forward to those updates. Nathan is down about 50lbs this year and about 2-3 times a week he is sending me photos of the scale. I am proud of him. He owns his own home, works very hard and has good, quality friends around him.

My brother had tourettes and ADHD as a kid. We shared a room together until I was 12. I used to get so excited to tattle about his swearing to my mom, not knowing that his yelling over and over like that was the tourettes. He grew out of one, but not the other. Nathan, when he is focused on something, really, really focuses on it. The new smoker, being an excellent example. I'm grateful for another opportunity to bond with him.

Growing up, Nathan only tried to kill me a couple times.

The first when he may or may not have put Legos in my water cup, which I choked on. Dad saved me when I ran down the stairs. Nathan had to write many "sentences" that night.

"I will not put Lego's in Eli's water."

Other examples include:

"I will not throw things at Eli while he is trying to sleep."

"I will not yell at Eli while he is trying to sleep."

"I will not fart so badly and laugh so loudly….."

Nathan used to eat bad food, beans, etc. and brag about how he would make the room smell that night when it was bedtime.

Dad likes to tell the story of the two of us arguing over whether planes drop cars out of them.

Other times we would argue through our evening prayers. Praying for the other to stop interrupting. I always quit interrupting first.

As children I would resort to bribing my brother to make airplanes out of Legos for me. He had a special talent.

Nathan was just a little too old for me to hang out with him and his friends. But that didn't always stop me. (Nathan is five years older than I. He is 34 this year; I turn 29 in November.)

The other times Nathan tried to kill me included the time he almost shot me with an arrow, the times he put us in the ditch in his truck, both intentionally and unintentionally and finally when I was four years old and he put a lit firecracker down my butt crack. I spent that fourth of July laying on my tummy with burn cream on my butt.

It's moments like this that give me a lifetime pass not to watch my attitude when speaking to my brother. (Not that I do have an attitude. But it's nice to have someone I can unload about life to, who will only respond with, "Do you want some pork butt?"

Thank you for the pork butt, Nathan.

In cribbage this week, Dad got the best of me, winning 22-20, skunking me 4 times to my 3. Totals will be updated next week reflecting our scores this year.

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Compostings

by Al Batt

What goes up must come down

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

How do you spell Armageddon?

I don't know.

Oh, well, never mind. It's not the end of the world.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I went to Bruce's birthday party. He got a lot of chocolate, but he'll never get as much as he deserves.

I had breakfast for dinner. A treat, whether it's deserved or not. I was leading a tour far from home. It might have been in another galaxy, I'm not sure. I stayed in the dead guy's cabin. That's what they called it—the dead guy's cabin. I didn't know it was called that until I'd spent a night in it. It was a pleasant cabin, but it had a dangerously low ceiling, especially over the bed. I'm vertically enhanced. I figured the dead guy had been tall, too, and the cruel ceiling had cracked his skull.

I was in a hotel in Missouri. It wasn't a five-star hotel; it was a hotel that fit into my wallet. It had a motley collection of mismatched furniture. Every piece was a genuine Motley. I heard coughing emanating from the rooms on both sides of mine and from the parking lot. I checked the news to see if there was a whooping cough outbreak in the area. The only outbreak was one of thin walls in a cheap hotel.

I'VE LEARNED

Americans legally bet $166.94 billion on sports in 2025. When tribal sportsbooks, illegal offshore bookies, and political and event prediction markets are included, analysts estimate the total amount wagered annually is close to $300 billion.

According to Forbes magazine, the worst-selling mass-produced cars of all time in one production year are Ford Edsel 2,848 cars sold in 1960, Lincoln Blackwood 3,300 in 2002, Yugo GV 4,000 in 1991, Pontiac Aztek 5020 in 2005, and Cadillac Catera 9,764 sold in 2001.

LOCAL NEWS

Isaac Peterson was a standout quarterback at Rochester Mayo High School, surpassed 1,000 career points in basketball, and plans to play basketball at UW-Eau Claire. His father is Scott Peterson, and his grandparents are Kathy and the late Jim Peterson of New Richland.

BAD JOKES DEPARTMENT

If you hold the sole of your foot to your ear, you can hear your hip dislocating.

I thought I'd blacked out. It turned out I'd put my hoodie on backwards.

I asked my wife what she liked best about me, "Is it my trim, athletic body? Or is it my astounding intellect?" She replied, "No, it's your sense of humor, dear."

NATURE NOTES

I heard from Mark Domeier of Ellendale, who said that his father had told him that 90 days after a fog lifts, we will get precipitation, because what goes up must come down. Mark and his wife Michelle tested this and found it largely correct.

It was hot enough to melt rocks. The corn was sweating profusely. Thunder rumbled in the distance. It wasn't roaring. I learned that when thunder roars, go indoors.

A cardinal sang with gusto, a definite showboat. I'm lucky to be thrilled by the sight of a cardinal. Minnesota's first record of a cardinal was in Minneapolis in the fall of 1875. The first confirmed nesting was in Steele County in 1925 when a cardinal's nest with eggs was discovered. The first record of a cardinal in Iowa was one that was captured in Iowa City in 1882.

Crickets and katydids rub their forewings together to make sounds, while grasshoppers rub their wings against their hind legs to create the sounds. This process is called stridulation. Some grasshoppers also use crepitation, snapping their wings together in flight to make crackling sounds.

If it looks like a tall dandelion with leaves resembling those of a thistle, but the spines lack sharpness; it's a sowthistle, a perennial, that blooms July-October and grows up to 4 feet high. Prickly lettuce is an annual or biennial herb that blooms from July to September and can grow up to 6.5 feet tall. Prickly lettuce leaves have prickly edges that can be sharp, and a prickly midrib on the underside, while sowthistle leaves lack the prickly midrib. Both plants exude a milky sap when cut or wounded.

White oaks produce leaves that have rounded lobes, whereas red oaks exhibit pointed lobes with a tiny bristle on their tips. The cap of the red oak acorn is scaly, while the white oak acorn has a knobby cap. The acorns of white oaks have a broader, shorter appearance and mature in a single year. Their caps are deeper, covering half the nut, and they're more appealing as a preferred food source for many wildlife species. The acorns of red oaks are more elongated or ovoid and mature in two years. Their caps are shallow, covering the top quarter or third of the nut.

MEETING ADJOURNED

"Kind words, kind looks, kind acts, and warm handshakes—these are means of grace when men in trouble are fighting their unseen battles."—John Hall.



Keith Allen, State Representative for District 19A, which within Waseca County includes Alton, Blooming Grove, Iosco and Janesville townships, visited with members of the Waseca County Board during their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Allen, standing to the immediate right of the flag, is pictured here with commissioners (from left) Brian Harguth, Doug Christopherson, De Malterer, Brad Krause and Brad Milbrath. Photo by Deb Bently

County gives levy a sharp look

By DEB BENTLY
Staff Writer

For the past few months commissioner "work sessions," which are typically scheduled as needed on Tuesday mornings prior to the 9:30 board meeting, have centered around arriving at a preliminary tax levy amount to be collected during 2027.

Commissioners have heard from department heads who have summarized their intended budgets for next year, and have asked questions about pertinent details.

Under Minnesota state law, all entities which benefit from property taxes must announce a preliminary levy amount by Sept. 15. The county receives the preliminary numbers and compiles them on a summary which is sent to all property owners in mid-November, letting them know what their property taxes are likely to be in the following year. The number includes levies from towns, townships, school boards, and the county, whichever are applicable.

Taxpayers then have the opportunity to attend "Truth in Taxation" meetings which each entity is required to hold either late in November or in the first few weeks of December. At those meetings, questions can be asked about the proposed budget amounts.

Once the September preliminary levy amount is released, the entity cannot raise the number, but it can reduce it: final levy numbers are required by Dec. 29.

With the Sept. 15 deadline approaching, county administrator Michael Johnson informed board members during their Aug. 18 meeting that they will "have something on their calendars" for the next few Tuesdays, even those which are not the first or third Tuesday of the month, the usual time slot for county board meetings.

For 2026, the county's operating budget was $39.5 million. The levy, that is, the amount paid by property owners, was $19.2 million.

Commissioners were visited by District 19A State Representative Keith Allen, whose district includes Alton, Blooming Grove, Iosco, and Janesville townships.

Allen began by sharing information about a proposed constitutional amendment which will be on ballots this November. Taxpayers are being asked to approve a change in the formula used to distribute funds to school districts. Allen explained the change would not increase taxes, but will allow an increased amount of money to be given out from a specific, very successful fund that was

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arranged for in the state constitution in 1858.

Namely, payments accrued from mining rights, lumber sales, and other opportunities on millions of designated acres managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have always been set aside to support schools. In November, voters will be asked "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?"

Allen mentioned that the rules regarding constitutional amendments is that, to pass, they must be approved by the majority of all people casting a ballot. Thus, failing to vote on the question is the same as voting against it.

Allen cautioned that the question will be appearing on the back side of the printed ballots. "So you have to turn the sheet over to see it," he said.

When asked about the status of the permanent school fund, Allen said the proposed increase is "exceptionally conservative," but would provide a significant increase to school districts, which he described as "flipping over every couch cushion to find every penny they can to continue their vital work."

Allen also summarized some actions taken during the 2026 legislative session which he regarded as positive. These included funds to update important software used for recording and communicating important human services information; a one-year decrease in car licensing fees; and a "bonding bill" which allots more money than has typically been the case to outstate improvement projects, especially those helping to improve water quality.

County board members approved allotting $40,000 to act as a local funds match for a $60,000 grant from the state's "safe and secure courthouses" program.

It was shared during the meeting that groundbreaking for the planned judicial center to be constructed next to the historic courthouse is delayed from this fall to the spring of 2027. Board members made reference to some "due diligence" needs that caused the delay.

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OBITUARIES

LoriAnn Bell



LoriAnn Bell

LoriAnn Michele Bartness Bell, 68, passed away on August 22, 2026.

Lori was born in Albert Lea, MN on December 12, 1957. She attended Hartland Elementary School and graduated from New Richland High School in 1976. She then graduated from RCTC with her nursing degree. She spent her career as a nurse for both St. John's Lutheran Home and the New Richland Care Center until retirement. Lori loved working with the elderly and cared for them greatly. She was also a caregiver for her parents, Mervin and LaVonne, caring for them both in her home until the end of their lives.

Her marriage to Dan was a true love story. Beginning as high school sweethearts, they went separate ways as adults to establish their lives, but came back together. Their romance was rekindled at the Ellendale Days street dance the summer of 2005 and they were united in marriage September 23, 2006. Lori went from single lady lifestyle to a grandma of six in the span of a year!

Lori enjoyed crafting, lawn mowing with her mother for the Hartland Cemetery, spending time at the cabin on Roberds Lake, traveling with her nieces, car cruises, flea markets, and some good online shopping, even in her sleep, leaving Dan to find piles of boxes outside the door!

Building her community was important to Lori. She had a unique circle of friends that she invited in from all walks of life. Lori will always be remembered for her generous spirit, having fun wherever she was, and always being up for an adventure. She was fiercely independent and she had a soft caring heart for babies, elderly and pets. She selflessly chose to help others over herself, showing her deep care for all.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Brighton Hospice for their care of Lori this past year.

She was preceded in death by her parents Mervin and LaVonne (Holland) Bartness.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Bell; brother Brad Bartness; nieces Nicole Bartness and Angie Bartness; great-nieces Brooklyn, Morgan, and Piper Zrust; Dylan, Reese, and Georgia Collins; stepsons Zech (Melissa) Bell and Alex (Angela) Bell; grandchildren Hank, Josie, and Hazel Bell; and Lillian, Ned, and Melina Bell.

Lori was preparing for this day, along with her loving husband and full-time caregiver, Dan. In her notes discussing her life and her last wishes, Lori had written the word, 'Journey' along with 'What a ride!' Though she will be missed, we were grateful to be on the ride with her.

Visitation will be held Sunday, August 30, 2026 at Brick-Meger Funeral Home, 1603 Austin Road, Owatonna, MN, from 2-4 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 31, 2026 at Hartland Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Broadway St, Hartland, MN, with visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Hartland Cemetery. All are welcome to join the family for lunch at the church after interment.

For more information or to leave an online message of condolence, go to www.megercares.com

Lane closures on I-35 near Owatonna

OWATONNA, Minn. – Motorists traveling on Interstate 35 south of Owatonna should be alert for lane closures in each direction and possible traffic delays beginning Aug. 24 as crews resurface the road, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

I-35 northbound and southbound lanes will be resurfaced from Highway 14 to the Straight River Rest Area. A single lane closure in each direction will be in place during the work. During times of heavy traffic such as the morning and evening commutes and weekends (Friday through Sunday), traffic is likely to back up. Motorists can adjust their departure times, expect longer travel time or choose alternate routes in anticipation of slower-moving traffic through the work zone. I-35 resurfacing is expected to be completed early October.

Resurfacing Highway 14 eastbound and westbound lanes from I-35 to Highway 218 on the south side of Owatonna is tentatively scheduled to begin towards the end of September. A lane closure in each direction and short-term ramp closures will occur. It is anticipated that ramp closures will last several hours to a few days. Closures will be shown on 511mn.org. It is anticipated that work will be completed by late October.

To learn more about the project, visit the MnDOT project website where you can also sign up to receive email updates.

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needs to be torn down, but Commissioner Christopherson doesn't want that to be a burden on the taxpayers. The offices in the east annex across the street from the courthouse like the DMV would be moved to the new building, freeing that space for other resident needs. Instead of breaking ground this year, the center won't be started until spring of 2027, with a move-in date during 2028. Through savings and planning since 2021, there is seven million to start this project already saved, a million through Minnesota Prairie, and Amy Klobuchar assured Waseca three million. Christopherson said, "We're 90 percent sure we'll get that money, but it has to go through Washington first." There will be savings that come from running the building itself. Christopherson also brought up the fact, "No one likes a new tax," then made reference to a local sales tax as an option for funding. "Then the whole burden doesn't come just from Waseca residents." He means that people from outside Waseca county come here to enjoy our lakes and town. "They are bringing money and shopping here. That helps our people pay for this center." The new center would be built just north of where the current center is now, continued Christopherson, "Where the center currently sits would become the new parking lot."

Kelsey Groskreutz of Abdo CPAs, Accounting and Consulting Services was present to discuss the city's audit report. She said there were no instances of non-compliance, "Over all this was a very positive audit, the city staff was cooperative, and we appreciate the opportunity to work with you."

The fire department report included one mutual aid fire call and two medical calls. This month's training was preparing for Farm and City Days.

The New Richland Police Department responded to 92 calls for service for the month of July. There were 20 traffic stops, four ordinance violations, one animal complaint, three suspicious circumstances, 16 directed patrols/lock checks, 19 assists of other agencies. Other call types included civil, criminal damage to property, threats/assaults, and motor vehicle accidents. ANCOM updated the old backup radios successfully. The annual use of force and firearms training will take place in August. Posse security for the street dance was $740. The first day of school for NRHEG will be Sept. 1.

According to its report, recruitment at the New Richland Care Center is improving. The Center now has only a few full-time openings in the nursing department, which also means hiring of agency workers is down significantly. The residents have been on bus trips to get ice cream. They also helped with the decoration of the float in the Farm and City Days parade. Care Center staff expressed gratitude to the volunteers who helped with the float and the parade. The facility held an outdoor barbecue for its residents; thanks to good weather, everyone was fortunate enough to eat outdoors and listen to some music. The facility also wants to treat residents to in-season sweet corn; staff members have been in contact with a couple different farms and are looking for more.

Tyler Lendt, city administrator, asked for $135 to attend a Clerk's Academy overnight event in St. Paul being conducted by the Minnesota League of Cities.

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 14.

■ School

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Enforcement will be simplified, he noted, by the school-wide camera system, and by the redesigned "commons" area where the majority of high school lockers are located. Formerly situated in rows near the center of the space, lockers now line the walls, allowing for a much more open view across the area.

Now carpeted, the center area under a large skylight is peppered with tables and chairs along with a few easy chairs for small gatherings and conversation.

Berg commented on how appealing the space now appears. The public will have a chance to wander through and have a look during an open house scheduled on Aug. 27 from 2 to 8 p.m. Modeled after last year's similar event, the open house is set up to allow parents to attend with their children. Berg said the open house will offer "a hot dog meal" as well as the chance to tour the building, meet teachers, locate lockers and drop off school supplies, and complete paperwork. Special meetings will inform parents regarding upcoming events or circumstances particular to their child, for example members of the senior class or participants in band.

Elementary principal Dr. Kimberly Meyer also summarized some of the upcoming activities at the elementary site. "Day 1" has been in use there for some time, with parents encouraged to accompany their children to school, meet teachers, and find out about upcoming events.

Meyer also stated families will be asked to donate toward a revamped "healthy snacks" program, which provides food for students to munch on during the school day. School board member Kelly DeLacruz offered the idea that, in addition to asking families for support, the site might approach the Parent Teacher Organization or other groups which might take an interest.

In action items for the evening, school board members approved the handbooks covering expectations at the elementary and secondary sites for students taking part in activities, and regarding cell phone use.

New teacher orientation took place Aug. 17 and 18. The start of the year teacher work days were from Aug. 25 to 27.

Mankato Symphony Orchestra Announces 2026–27 Season: "Stories in Sound"

Mankato, MN — The Mankato Symphony Orchestra (MSO) proudly announces its 2026–27 season, Stories in Sound—a dynamic and emotionally rich series that celebrates the power of music to tell stories, bring people together, and inspire connection across generations.

From bold orchestral masterworks to intimate chamber performances, the season invites audiences to experience music as narrative—alive with color, memory, and imagination.

The season begins outdoors with the beloved community tradition:

Symphony on the Prairie
Saturday, September 12 at 6:00 PM
Benson Park, North Mankato

Kick off the season under the open sky with an evening that celebrates the spirit of America and the joy of coming together. In honor of America's 250th anniversary, the program features patriotic favorites alongside nostalgic classics like The Sound of Music. Bring lawn chairs, gather family and friends, and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming concert for all. Free-will donation; all are welcome. Sponsored in part by the City of North Mankato.

Stories of Fire
Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 PM
Crossview Church, North Mankato

The symphonic season ignites with a bold celebration of life, memory, and musical passion. Inspired by Día de los Muertos, this vibrant program features Latin American composers including Diego Sánchez Haase's En Karumbe and Juan Pablo Contreras' La Minerva, Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, performed by concertmaster Sabrina Tabby. The program culminates in Brahms' Symphony No. 4—a masterpiece of intensity, beauty, and unstoppable momentum.

Light in Winter
Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4 PM
Good Counsel Chapel, Mankato

A journey of reflection and renewal, this concert offers warmth and radiance in the intimate, candlelit setting of Good Counsel Chapel. Highlights include Haydn's Symphony No. 30 "Alleluia," Hilary Purrington's Words of Departure for choir and orchestra, Handel's Organ Concerto in F minor featuring Celina Kobetitsch, and Haydn's triumphant Symphony No. 104 "London."

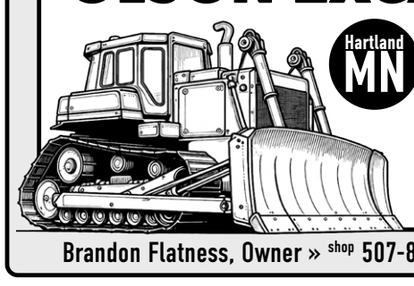
The Next Chapter: Young Artist Showcase
Monday, March 8 at 7:00 PM
Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College

Celebrating rising talent and the future of music, this special performance features winners of the MSO Young Artist Competition. Audiences will experience Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto performed by exceptional young musicians, in collaboration with local artists and mentors.

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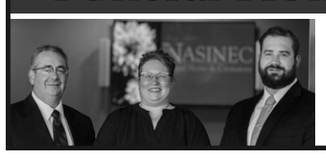
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Waseca County Fair 4-H

2026 Waseca County Fair 4-H Judging Results

The 2026 Waseca County Fair has been the highlight of the year for the over 170 4-H exhibitors in Waseca County 4-H, as they saw their hard work pay off with livestock shows, exhibit judging, and other fun events. Below are the 4-H youth who received recognition for their project work at the 2026 Waseca County Fair.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Family & Consumer Science - Gemma Eaton, Home Grown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Family & Consumer Science - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Child & Family Development - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Constructed Clothing - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Purchased Clothing - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Upcycled Clothing - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Upcycled Clothing - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Sewn Non Garment - Willow Bartelt - Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Sewn Non Garment - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Home Environment - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Needle Arts - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Quilting - Gemma Eaton, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Quilting - Addison Anderson, Homegrown Explorers

FASHION REVUE RESULTS

- Champion Fashion Revue - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Fashion Revue - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

FOODS & NUTRITION RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Food & Nutrition - Julia Alvarado
- Overall Reserve Champion Food & Nutrition - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Food - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Food - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Nutrition - Julia Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Nutrition - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Food Preservation - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Food Preservation - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Food Revue - Kenley Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

PERFORMING ARTS

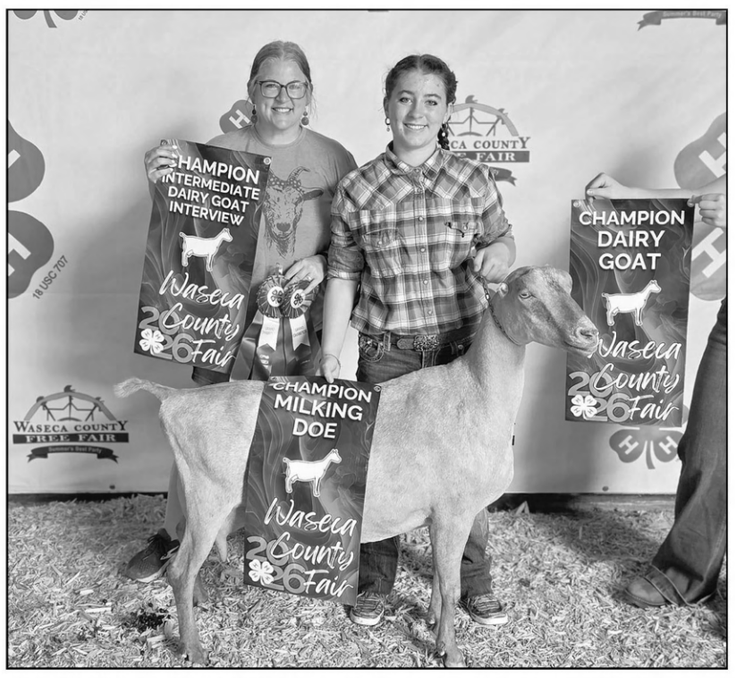
- Overall Grand Champion Performing Arts - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Performing Arts - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Grand Champion Performance-Based - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Performance-Based - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Personal Growth & Development - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Personal Growth & Development - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Health & Wellness - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Health & Wellness - Cole Christenson, Palmer Sunbeams
- Champion Global Connections - Oriana Jewison - Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Global Connections - Chayce Bartelt - Clover Clan



Mackenzie L - Champion Market Beef Rate of Gain and Champion Market Steer



Rylie C - Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Interview, Champion Milking Doe and Champion Dairy Goat



Alexis F - Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview

- Champion Citizenship - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Plastic Sculpture Challenge - Orlin Schaetzke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Plastic Sculpture Challenge - Cora Schaetzke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Safety - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Youth Leadership - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Youth Leadership - Oriana Jewison, Home Grown Explorers
- Champion Self-Determined - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Self-Determined - Thomas Coon, Palmer Sunbeams

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Champion Individual Demonstration - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Individual Demonstration - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Individual Livestock Demonstration - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Individual Livestock Demonstration - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Team Livestock Demonstration - Adler & August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Team Livestock Demonstration - Kashton & Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

ANIMAL SCIENCE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Animal Science - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Animal Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Exploring Animals - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Exploring Animals - Daniel Sipe, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Cat - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Champion Dog - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Dog - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
- Champion Pets - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Champion Science of Animals - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Champion Veterinary Science - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Veterinary Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Horseless Horse - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Horseless Horse - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

AGRONOMY, GARDENING & HORTICULTURE RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Agronomy - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Overall Reserve Champion Agronomy - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Overall Grand Champion Gardening - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Gardening - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Grand Champion Horticulture - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Overall Reserve Champion Horticulture - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Agricultural Technology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Corn - Stetson Lynch, Jansville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Forages - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Plant and Soil Science - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Soybeans - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Weeds & Pests - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Fruit - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Fruit - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Potatoes - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Potatoes - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Vegetable Plate - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Vegetable Plate - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Flower Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Flower Gardening - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Champion Indoor Gardening - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Indoor Gardening - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Landscape Design - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan

EXPRESSIVE ARTS RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Expressive Arts - Alexis Fledkamp, Clover Clan
- Overall Reserve Champion Expressive Arts - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Crafts - Kinley Thostenson, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Crafts - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Fine Arts - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Fine Arts - Matthew Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Creative Writing - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Photography & Video - Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees
- Overall Reserve Champion Photography & Video - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Elements of Photography - Mikael Nelson, Vista Busy Bees
- Reserve Champion Elements of Photography - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Photo Manipulation - Gavin Hodkins, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Photo Manipulation - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & NATURAL RESOURCES RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion Environmental & Natural Resources - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Overall Reserve Champion Environmental & Natural Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Fishing Sports - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
- Reserve Champion Fishing Sports - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Entomology - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Entomology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Exploring the Environment - Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Forest Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Forest Resources - Alexis Olson, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Wildlife Biology & Management - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Wildlife Biology & Management - Joe Harguth, Riverside Ramblers
- Champion Geology - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Water Resources - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

STEM & MECHANICAL SCIENCES RESULTS

- Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Overall Grand Champion STEM & Mechanical Sciences - Daniel Martin, Janesville Jacks and Jills
- Champion Bicycle - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Engineering Design - Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Engineering Design - Orlin Schaetzke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Metal Work - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Metal Work - Charles Kahnke, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Woodworking - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Woodworking - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Mechanical Science - Matthew Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Reserve Champion Mechanical Science - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Technology - Daniel Martin, Janesville Jacks & Jills
- Champion Science Inquiry - Kaeson Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Reserve Champion Science Inquiry - Kaisley Gehrke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

CLUB EXHIBIT RESULTS

- Champion Club Hay Bale Decoration - Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Club Hay Bale Decoration - Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Club Banner - Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Club Banner - Waldorf Peppy Peppers
- Champion Club Scrapbook - Homegrown Explorers
- Reserve Champion Club Scrapbook - Waldorf Peppy Peppers

LIVESTOCK PROMOTIONAL POSTERS RESULTS

- Grand Champion Overall Promotional Poster - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
- Reserve Champion Overall Promotional Poster - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
- Champion Beef Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
- Reserve Champion Beef Promotional Poster - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Dairy Promotional Poster - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
- Champion Dog Promotional

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B Champion Meat Goat Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Meat Goat Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Champion Horse Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Horse Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Champion Llama Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Llama Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Champion Poultry Promotional Poster - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Champion Rabbit Promotional Poster - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
B Reserve Champion Rabbit Promotional Poster - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Sheep Promotional Poster - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
B Reserve Champion Sheep Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Champion Swine Promotional Poster - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Swine Promotional Poster - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan

LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST RESULTS

B Champion Junior Livestock Costume Contest - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Junior Livestock Costume Contest - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams
B Champion Intermediate Livestock Costume Contest - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Intermediate Livestock Costume Contest - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Champion Senior Livestock Costume Contest - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Reserve Champion Senior Livestock Costume Contest - Daniel Sipe, Homegrown Explorers

BEEF SHOW RESULTS

B Champion Cow/Calf Pair - Lucas Hoehn, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair - Memphis Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Market Heifer Prospect Calf - Siri Kuhns, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Prospect Steer/Bull Calf - Lucas Hoehn, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Prospect Steer/Bull Calf - Hudson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Champion Dairy Steer Prospect Calf - Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer - Carson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer - Ashley Haefs, Homegrown Explorers
B Champion Registered Breeding Heifer - Hailey Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Heifer - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Champion Market Beef Steer - Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Market Beef Steer - Siri Kuhns, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Market Beef Heifer - Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Market Beef Heifer - Vivienne Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Dairy Steer - Brayleigh Kuball, Homegrown Explorers
B Champion Market Beef Rate of Gain - Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Market Beef Rate of Gain - Siri Kuhns, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Senior Beef Showmanship - Mackenzie Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Senior Beef Showmanship - Hailey Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Champion Intermediate Beef Showmanship - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Reserve Champion Intermediate Beef Showmanship - Owen Kelm, Clover Clan
B Champion Junior Beef Showmanship - Carson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Junior Beef Showmanship - Hudson Levos, Janesville Jack & Jills
B Champion Junior Beef Interview - Carson Levos, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Junior Beef Interview - Hudson Levos, Janesville Jack & Jills
B Champion Intermediate Beef Interview - Brayleigh Kuball, Homegrown Explorers
B Reserve Champion Intermediate Beef Interview - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Champion Senior Beef Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Reserve Champion Senior Beef Interview - Jacob Klaras, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

DAIRY SHOW RESULTS

B Champion Overall Dairy Animal - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Overall Dairy Animal - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Registered Holstein - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Registered Holstein - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Grade Holstein - Katy Eldeen, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Color Breed - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Color Breed - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Senior Dairy Showmanship - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Showmanship - Katy Eldeen, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Intermediate Dairy Showmanship - Landon Olmanson, Independent
B Champion Junior Dairy Showmanship - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Showmanship - Elizabeth Olmanson, Independent
B Champion Dairy Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers
B Reserve Champion Dairy Interview - Katy Eldeen, Riverside Ramblers

DAIRY GOAT SHOW RESULTS

B Champion Overall Dairy Goat - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Overall Dairy Goat - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Milking Doe - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Milking Doe - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Dry Doe - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Dry Doe - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship - Adler Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Senior Dairy Goat Interview - Alexis Myers, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Interview - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Interview - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Intermediate Dairy Goat Interview - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Junior Dairy Goat Interview - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers
B Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Goat Interview - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

HORSE SHOW RESULTS

B Champion Horseless Horse Skills Class - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Horseless Horse Skills Class - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan
BChampion Showmanship Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Showmanship Senior 10+ - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Showmanship Senior 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Showmanship Mini - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
B Champion Ranch Pleasure Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Ranch Pleasure Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Western Pleasure Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Western Pleasure Grades 10+ - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Reserve Champion Western Pleasure Grades 10+ - Mackenzee Moorman, Independent
B Champion Western Horsemanship Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Western Horsemanship Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Western Horsemanship Grades 10+ - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Champion Trail Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Trail Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Trail Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Champion Barrel Race Grades 6-9 - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Barrel Race Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Barrel Race Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Barrel Race Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Pole Weaving Grades 6-9 - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Pole Weaving Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Pole Weaving Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Pole Weaving Grades 10+ - Mackenzee Moorman, Independent
B Champion Jumping Figure 8 Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Jumping Figure 8 Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Key Race Grades 6-9 - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers
B Reserve Champion Key Race Grades 6-9 - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Key Race Grades 10+ - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Key Race Grades 10+ - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers
B Champion Heart Run - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Heart Run - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Champion Egg and Spoon - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees
B Reserve Champion Egg and Spoon - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Champion Costume Class - KayleeAhna Berg, Janesville Jacks & Jills
B Champion Pleasure Class - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
B Champion Games Class - Gavin Hodgkins, Clover Clan
B Champion Junior Horse Interview - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Junior Horse Interview - Evelyn Schlaak
B Champion Senior Horse Interview - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Senior Horse Interview - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

MEAT GOAT SHOW RESULTS

B Champion Overall Meat Goat - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Overall Meat Goat - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan
B Champion Meat Goat Breeding Doe - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan
B Reserve Champion Meat Goat Breeding Doe - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan
B Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

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Brody G - Champion 4 Class Rabbit, Champion Purebred Rabbit, Champion 4 Class Senior Buck



Jaxon L - Champion 6 Class Senior Buck, Champion 6 Class Rabbit

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Jaxson L - Champion Egg Production: Colored Layers



Kendrick C



Ashley & Avery F



Cole C - Champion Junior Lamb Lead, Champion Junior Sheep Interview



Ty K - Champion Market Wether



Hailey L - Champion Market Steer



Kendrick & Rylie C - Champion Dairy Market Wether



Oriana J & Daniel S - Champion Senior Beef Interview



Paige J - Champion Market Heifer



Rylie C - Chmapion Dairy Market Wether

Champion Market Doe - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Market Doe - Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Market Wether - Ty Krautkremer, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Market Wether - Peyton Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Dairy Market Wether - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Dairy Market Wether - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship - Ashley Fliflit, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship - Avery Fliflit, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship - Ashley Haefs, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Junior Meat Goat Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Junior Meat Goat Showmanship - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Senior Meat Goat Interview - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Senior Meat Goat Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Interview - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Meat Goat Interview - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clean

Reserve Champion Junior Meat Goat Interview - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

POULTRY SHOW RESULTS

Champion Overall Poultry - Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Reserve Champion Overall Poultry - Aaron Merritt, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Market Chickens - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Market Chickens - Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Champion Breeding Chickens - Treysen Tietje, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Reserve Champion Breeding Chickens - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens - Stetson Lynch, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Reserve Champion Bantam Breeding Chickens - Meredith James, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Egg Production, White Layers - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Egg Production, White Layers - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Egg Production, Brown Layers - Aaron Merritt, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Egg Production, Brown Layers - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Egg Production, Colored Layers - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Reserve Champion Egg Production, Colored Layers - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Poultry for Fun - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Reserve Champion Poultry for Fun - Cooper Mason, Janesville Jacks & Jills

Champion Market Ducks - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Market Ducks - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Breeding Ducks - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Bantam Breeding Ducks - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Market Geese - Wyatt Coon, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Market Turkeys - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Market Turkeys - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Show and Hobby - Noah Harguth, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Show and Hobby - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Market Guinea - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Intermediate Poultry Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Poultry Showmanship - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Senior Poultry Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Senior Poultry Interview - Sam Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Intermediate Poultry Interview - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Poultry Interview - Jaxon Alvarado, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Junior Poultry Interview - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Junior Poultry Interview - Charles Kahnke, Janesville Jacks & Jills

RABBIT SHOW RESULTS

Champion Overall Purebred Rabbit - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Overall Purebred Rabbit - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Overall 4 Class Rabbit - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Overall 4 Class Rabbit - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Overall 6 Class Rabbit - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Reserve Champion Overall 6 Class Rabbit - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion 4 Class Junior Doe - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion 4 Class Junior Doe - Chayce Bartelt, Clover Clan

Champion 4 Class Junior Buck - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion 4 Class Junior Buck - Jaiden Johnson, Clover Clan

Champion 4 Class Senior Doe - Evelyn Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion 4 Class Senior Doe - Hadley Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers

Champion 4 Class Senior Buck - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion 4 Class Senior Buck - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion 6 Class Junior Buck - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion 6 Class Intermediate Doe - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion 6 Class Intermediate Buck - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion 6 Class Senior Doe - Luke Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion 6 Class Senior Doe - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion 6 Class Senior Buck - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Reserve Champion 6 Class Senior Buck - Ezra Boerner, Vista Busy Bees

Champion Doe & Litter - Ashley Haefs, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Doe & Litter - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship - Brody Gray, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Junior Rabbit Interview - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Interview - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview - Audrey Gray, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Rabbit Interview - Violet Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Senior Rabbit Interview - Isaac Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

Champion Market Lamb - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Registered Breeding Sheep - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Registered Breeding Sheep - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Commercial Breeding Sheep - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Sheep - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Wether Dam - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Wether Dam - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Champion Junior Lamb Lead - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

Reserve Champion Junior Lamb Lead - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Senior Lamb Lead - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Senior Lamb Lead - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan

Champion Fleece - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Fleece - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship - Hannah Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Intermediate Sheep Showmanship - Owen Kelm, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Intermediate Sheep Showmanship - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan

Champion Junior Sheep Showmanship - Abby Sommers, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Showmanship - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Junior Sheep Interview - Cole Christensen, Palmer Sunbeams

Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Interview - Jayson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Intermediate Sheep Interview - Willow Bartelt, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Intermediate Sheep Interview - Jaxson Lewer, Palmer Sunbeams

Champion Senior Sheep Interview - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Interview - Avary Hopper, Riverside Ramblers

SWINE SHOW RESULTS

Champion Registered Market Barrow - Hadley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Registered Market Barrow - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Commercial Market Barrow - Aaron Merritt, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Commercial Market Barrow - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Market Gilt - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Market Gilt - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Breeding Gilt - Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Swine Rate of Gain - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Swine Rate of Gain - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Senior Swine Showmanship - August Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Senior Swine Showmanship - Paige Johnson, Vista Busy Bees

Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship - Kayla Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship - Presley Roeker, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Junior Swine Showmanship - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Junior Swine Showmanship - Henrik Roesler, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Senior Swine Interview - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

Reserve Champion Senior Swine Interview - Jacob Knutson, Homegrown Explorers

Champion Junior Swine Interview - Kenley Tolzman, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Junior Swine Interview - Asa Bethke, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Jacob Strobel Memorial Spirit Award - Owen Schlaak, Riverside Ramblers

DOG AGILITY SHOW RESULTS

The Waseca County 4-H Dog Agility Show was held on July 25 in Albert Lea, MN in conjunction with the Freeborn County 4-H Dog Agility Show. Waseca County 4-H Dog Project extends a special thank you to Freeborn County 4-H Staff, Dog Project Volunteers, and 4-H members for their willingness to host our 4-H members during their show!

Champion Beginner Agility - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Beginner Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Elementary Agility - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Elementary Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Jumper 1A Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Jumper 1A Agility - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Jumper 1B Agility - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Jumper 1B Agility - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

DOG SHOW RESULTS - SHOWMANSHIP, OBEDIENCE, RALLY

Champion Obedience Foundation - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Obedience Foundation - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Obedience Beginner - Jacob Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Obedience Beginner - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Obedience Graduate Beginner - Mikayla Lewer Riverside Ramblers

Champion Obedience Novice - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Obedience Novice - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Novice Dog Showmanship - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Novice Dog Showmanship - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Open Junior Dog Showmanship - Jacob Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Open Junior Dog Showmanship - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Champion Open Senior Dog Showmanship - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Open Senior Dog Showmanship - Mikayla Lewer, Riversider Ramblers

Champion Foundation Rally - Jace Wenzel, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Reserve Champion Foundation Rally - Kendrick Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

Champion Beginner Rally - Alexis Feldkamp, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Beginner Rally - Jacob Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Novice Rally - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Champion Graduate Novice Rally - Mikayla Lewer, Riverside Ramblers

Reserve Champion Graduate Novice Rally - Rylie Cromwell, Waldorf Peppy Peppers

PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP RESULTS

Champion Premier Showman - Karley Hamilton, Clover Clan

Reserve Champion Premier Showman - Oriana Jewison, Homegrown Explorers

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Waseca County 4-H awarded scholarships to youth members who graduated High School in the spring of 2026. The scholarship recipient was:

Olivia Johnson, Clover Clan 4-H Club

MARKET LIVESTOCK BLUE RIBBON AUCTION

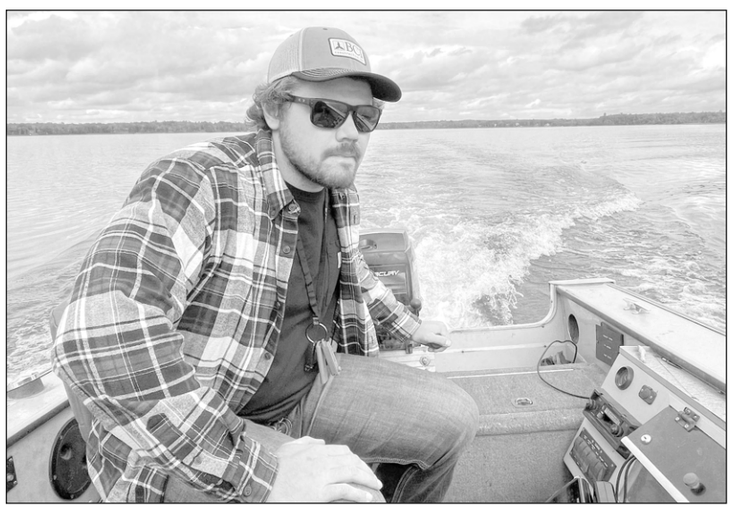
Several representatives from local businesses gathered at the recent Waseca County Fair to purchase the ribbons of 4-H market livestock animals. 4-H youth who earned a blue ribbon on their animal participated in the sale, with the ribbon being sold on 82 dairy steers, beef steers, swine, sheep, poultry, rabbits, and goats. Area auctioneers Larry Born, Landen Flemming, and Bill Harguth volunteered their time as auctioneers for the event.

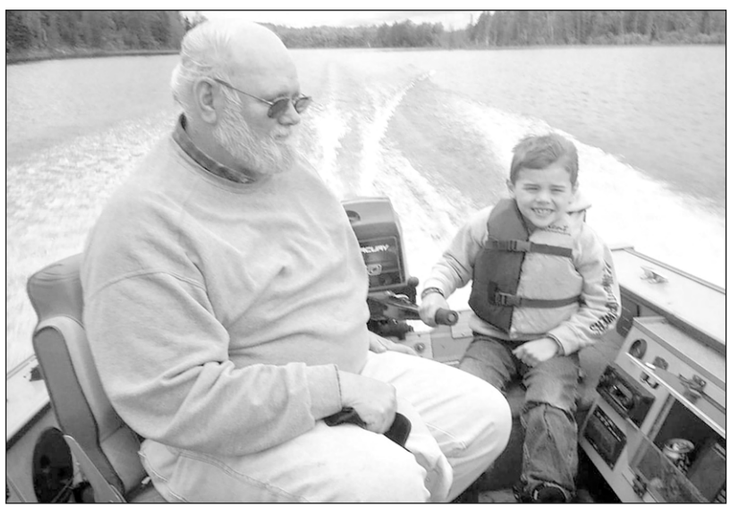
The Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is the biggest fundraiser for the Waseca County 4-H Federation. This year $50,775.00 was raised for youth in market livestock projects with the 4-H Federation receiving $16,925.00 to be used for programming and scholarships to camps and leadership development opportunities. It will also support existing 4-H programming, like clubs, adventures, project workshops, and adult volunteer training. All 300 youth in Waseca County 4-H will benefit from profits raised at the 2026 auction.

Individuals and businesses who were buyers at the 2026 Waseca County 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction included: A & A Farms, Ag Partners, Androli Ag, Brad Krause, Chip Mack - Whitewater Creek Grain & Feed, Cody Root, Corn Country Seed, Dale Hoy, Dead End Cattle Company, FM Bank, Hi Yield Hartland, Holland Ag, James Brothers Construction, Johnson Berkshires, Jule Johnson, KFS Hope, Kuball Dairy, Layne L Janike, Let's Ride Boots & Apparel, Lydia Holland, Lyle Kuhns, M Eaton Trucking LLC, Mark Sommers, Matt Groskreutz, Minnwest Bank, Professional Building Erectors & Excavating, Roesler Seeds, Schlaak Seeds, Schwartz Insurance, Smiths Mill Implement, South Bend Show Goats, Southfork Seed, TDL Farms, Troy Buendorf, and Upper Midwest Plumbing - Tim Woeste.

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Waseca County 4-H would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors, buyers and volunteers who took part and helped with the Auction. Without them, Waseca County 4-H wouldn't be able to support the youth program members in such an enormous way.





THEN AND NOW - Shown here is a picture of my grandson helping Grandpa drive the boat in 2008 and another of him driving the boat in 2024.

Finally! A solo visit to the cabin



Woods and Water

by i Her ndahl
Outdoors Writer

This past week I was able to visit the cabin.

After visiting the cabin for most of a week, I realized that doing many of the things that I once did is no longer possible. I guess that it is what you call a reality check. I couldn't do many of the things that were commonplace in my younger days. Getting older is definitely a reality check.

All of that being said, it was still good to get up to the sound of the loons, trumpeter swans and many of the critters of the night that keep the imagination active. I am still able to navigate the steps to the loft, stiff joints and all. As I lay there in the dark, listening to the many sounds of the night is probably the most relaxing feeling you can have. I awoke from a deep sleep one night when I heard a critter outside moving around under the cabin. Hearing those sounds at night only tends to fuel the imagination.

Having a place in the woods has been a dream come true for someone that has always loved the outdoors. Even with the cabin being my dream, I still like to explore different lakes and landmarks around the area. Visiting different lakes has always been one of my favorite things to do when up north.

When I had a permanent campsite at Best Point on Lake Titonka, I still liked to visit some of the other lakes around that area. I would guess that this is the kid in me still trying to break out of my "old man" shell. Now I am 80 years old and that urge to explore still exists in the back of my mind. If I were to venture a guess, I would say that my imagination is still the part of me that has a bit of that young explorer in him.

Celebrate the end of summer at Minnesota state parks and recreation areas this Labor Day weekend.

Whether people are looking for a day trip or a full weekend, Minnesota state parks and trails have something everyone can enjoy this Labor Day weekend.

"For those looking to savor the last bit of Minnesota summer, state parks and trails have so many opportunities to get outside," said Ann Pierce, director of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Trails Division. "During the Labor Day weekend, we encourage everyone to take time to enjoy nature: whether that's pitching a tent, paddling a river, hopping on your bike, or just going for a walk outside."

DNR's ParkFinder tool can help visitors find their perfect state park adventure by creating a customized search for what amenities they'd like, with everything from camper cabins and paved bike trails to swimming beaches and boat launches.

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LOOKING BACK

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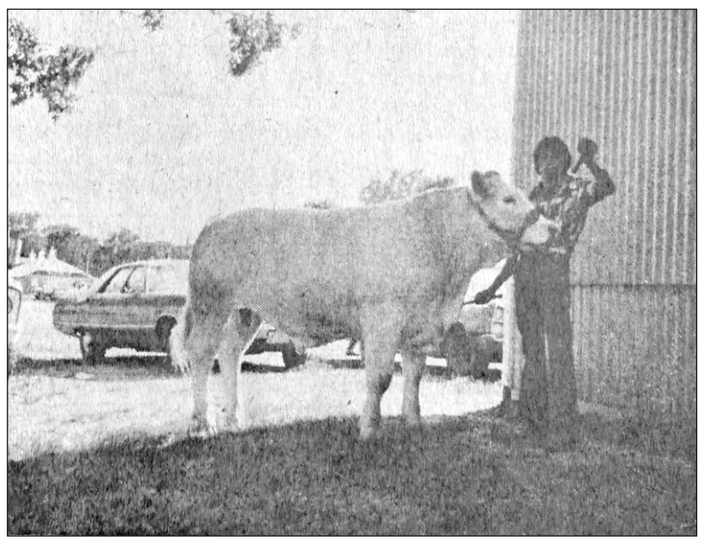


- Kristin Jessen turned the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Junior Miss title over to Kathleen Byron, Friday night at the reviews at the Albert Lea Theatre. Kathleen placed in four categories at the program, including: poise, interview, scholastic and talent. She earned several scholarships and a sitting at Bonebrake's Photography. Michelle Dobberstein was first runner up.

- Fifty years ago, in the summer of 1951, two churches, Bethel and Immanuel, joined congregations and buildings to become Blooming Grove United Methodist Church. To celebrate this anniversary, Blooming Grove United Methodist will hold its 8th Annual "Summer Night of Music" at 7 p.m., Saturday, August 25th.

- Amy Chicos, daughter of James and Renee Chicos of New Richland, and Amy Sack, daughter of Mary and Al Sack of New Richland, have been awarded $7,500 Presidents Scholars by the College of Saint Benedict / Saint John's University for the 2001-2002 academic year. Chicos and Sack are first-year students at CSB.

50 Years Back



- The grand champion Beef Steer in 4-H Competition at the Weseca County Fair was shown by Dana Dane, pictured here with his animal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dane of Pemberton. He also received the Grand Champion Senior Showman award. Reserve champion in the Embroidery division was Carla Blashack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Balshack of Waldorf.

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan of Rochester announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Irenen Sullivan, to James Michael Chicos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chicos of New Richland.

75 Years Back

- Eugene Casselman, director of the Gustavus Adolphus college choir personnel for the coming year. Virginia Swenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Swanson of New Richland has been chosen a member of the choir.

- Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hagen of Owatonna became th eparents of their first son, Jerry Leslie, born Saturday, September 15. The Hagens have a daughter, Ione, aged four.

- Mrs. H. O. Schwenke, announces the engagement of her daughter, Elaine to Gottfried Reman son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reiman of Ree Heights, S. D. A spring wedding is planned.

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Sunday - Mass at 8 a.m.

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Monday - 7pm Call to prayer
Wednesday - 9:30am Bible Study; 6pm Confirmation

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Ellendale, Minnesota
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Sunday - Summer Service time is 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. (No summer sunday school)
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2026–2027 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Bus pick-up, school drop-off/pick-up, and shuttle information for families

ELLENDALE MORNING BUS PICK-UP LOCATIONS

North Pick-Up: Southwest corner of 4th Street and 4th Avenue (former United Methodist Church). Students should wait on the sidewalk until the bus arrives. Pickup time is approximately 7:40 a.m.

South Pick-Up: North side of 7th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets, in the parking area for Bonnerup Funeral Home. Pickup time is approximately 7:40 a.m.

GENEVA MORNING BUS PICK-UP LOCATIONS

Simply Church: Pickup is approximately 7:35 a.m.

Community Building: Pickup is approximately 7:25 a.m.

ELLENDALE SCHOOL DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

Enter from 8th Avenue, directly behind Al's Body Shop. Drop off and pick up your child at the south end of the sidewalk by Doors #8 & 9. Please exit using the west entrance of the parking lot.

Important Safety Information: To maintain student safety and ease traffic, parents MUST use the south location for student drop-off and pick-up.

Elementary Students: Elementary students arriving for school are not to be dropped off or picked up in the north parking lot or on the east side of the school during 7:30–8:30 a.m. and 2:45–3:30 p.m.

Building Access: Students dropped off will not have access to entering the building until 7:45 a.m. Families may use the paid SAC (School Age Care) services; a fee is associated with this service.

NEW RICHLAND SCHOOL DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

Please use the south end of the school building near the pre-K doors and curb cutout, or the north side of the school building behind the handicap signs. Both locations are on Ash Avenue.

IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Each School Day: The New Richland morning shuttle buses depart New Richland Secondary School (east side) at 7:55 a.m. to transfer students to Ellendale Elementary School.

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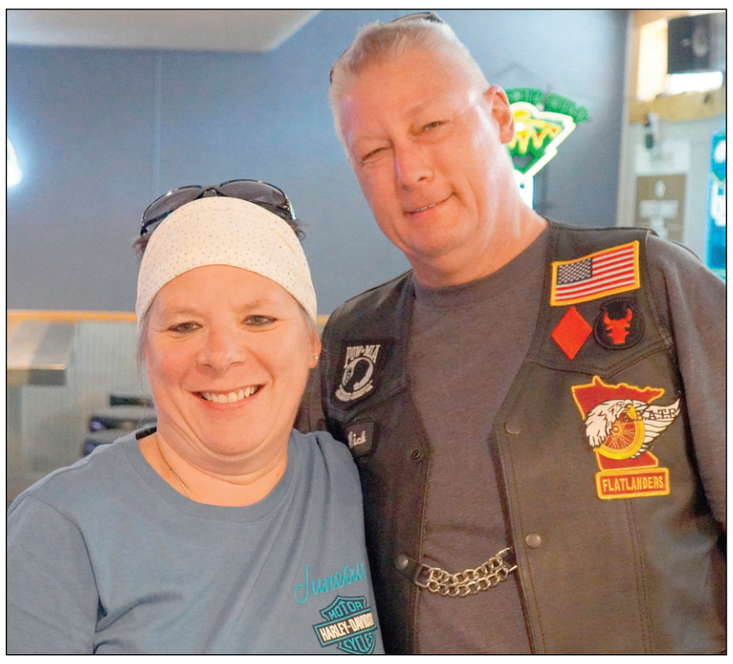
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Erin Harty and Rick Rottman took part in Hartland University's fourth annual bug run fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to A.B.A.T.E. Young Rider Program.



James Erickson and Cory Hanna took part in Hartland University's fourth annual bug run on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders Program.



Khia and Austin Baumann attended Hartland University's fourth annual bug run on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to A.B.A.T.E. Young Rider Program.



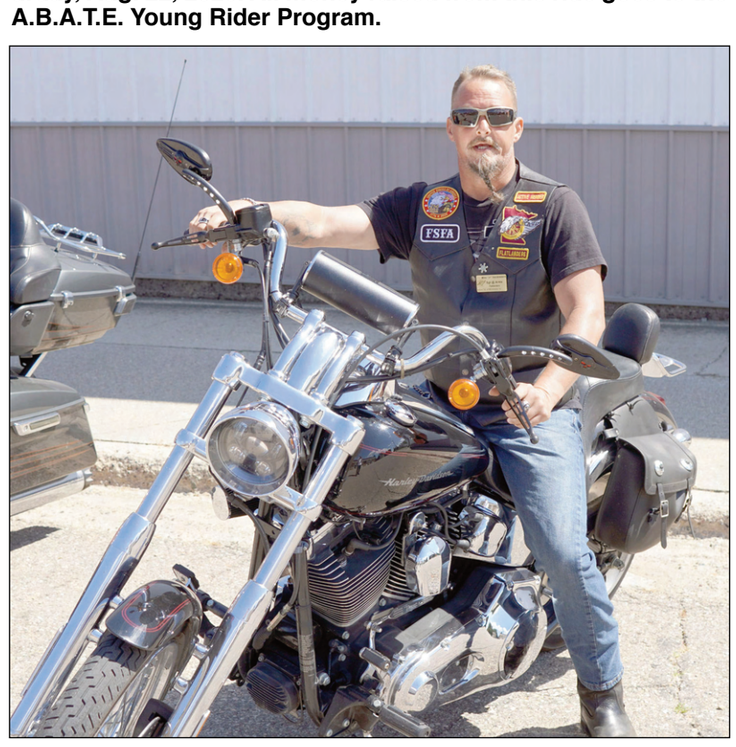
John Knudsen was one of the motorcycles at Hartland University's fourth annual bug run fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to the A.B.A.T.E. Young Rider Program.



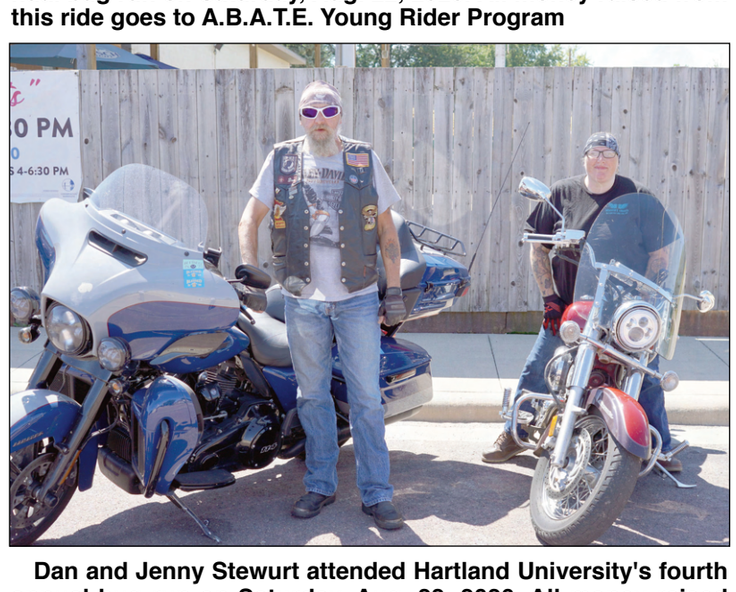
Troy Roeker took part in Hartland University's fourth annual bug run on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to A.B.A.T.E. Young Rider Program.



Jacob (whose sister owns the bar) and Kevin Smith attended Hartland University's fourth annual bug run fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to the A.B.A.T.E. Young Rider Program.



Mike Jr. Vandeweerd attended Hartland University's fourth annual bug run on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to A.B.A.T.E. Young Rider Program



Dan and Jenny Stewurt attended Hartland University's fourth annual bug run on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026. All money raised from this ride goes to A.B.A.T.E Young Rider Program.

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4th annual 'Bug Run' raises $890

By BEN REVERMANN
Staff writer

Hartland University held its fourth annual Bug Run on Saturday, Aug. 22. All money raised from this ride goes to American Bikers Awareness Training and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) Young Rider Program. Justin and Sheila Arndt raised $890 for A.B.A.T.E. The 50/50 raffle amount ended up being $330, which was awarded to Dan Stuart and his daughter Jenny.

Erin Rae and her boyfriend Rick Rottman did not win. As it turns out they were simply participants in the competition. "It's for a good cause, and we have friends here, so it's a win/win either way." There were six destinations for the day: Orange Door in Minnesota Lake, Blu Bar in Delavan, The Oil Pit Bar in Grenada, Gunners Bar in Winnebago. The explanation for the last "bar" was a little tricky, Justin Arndt, owner of Hartland University said, "The Birds Nest isn't really a bar; it's more like some dude's awesome man cave." But private residence or not, there were a lot of people planning on going there on Saturday, and the owner gave permission.

How the bug run works is people driving motorcycles are given a bullseye sticker they place on the front of their motorcycles. The person with a bug closest to their bullseye is the winner. The registration fee is $10 with additional free-will donations welcomed. Hartland University Bar is also hoping to have a coyote shoot this year if it snows.

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